

ATTACHMENT - CLAIMS LISTING

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An espresso coffee machine comprising:

_____ a reservoir for the water ~~(20)~~,

_____ a pump ~~(24)~~ for delivering the said water to a boiler ~~(24)~~,

_____ a hot water supply unit ~~(2, 102, 122; 4, 304)~~, and

_____ filter holder means ~~(1, 301; 3, 103)~~ for housing a portion of ground coffee ~~(16)~~, preferably pre-packaged, and provided with coffee having a coffee delivery means ~~(201; 203)~~,

_____ characterized in that the said hot water supply unit ~~(2, 102, 122; 4, 304)~~ and the said filter holder means ~~(1, 301; 3, 103)~~ are being coupled together with a seal and the having a trajectory of the coupling movement lies on lying in a plane substantially perpendicular to the a median plane of coupling of the said hot water supply unit ~~(2, 102, 122; 4, 304)~~ and the said filter holder means ~~(1, 301; 3, 103)~~, the facing surfaces of the said hot water supply unit ~~(2, 102, 122; 4, 304)~~ and the said filter holder means ~~(1, 301; 3, 103)~~ coming into contact only at the a time of their coupling,

_____ wherein the filter holder means comprises a hatch hinged at one end to a body of the machine and an end opposite the hinge having releasable coupling means designed to be coupled to suitable coupling means positioned on a wall of the body of the machine.

2. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the median plane of coupling of the ~~said~~ supply unit (2, 102, 122) and the ~~said~~ filter holder means (1, 301; 3, 103) is perpendicular to ~~the~~ a base plane of the machine body.

3. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the median plane of coupling of the ~~said~~ supply unit (2, 102, 122) and the ~~said~~ filter holder means (1, 301; 3, 103) is inclined at an angle ranging from 10° to 30° with respect to ~~the~~ a longitudinal axis of the ~~said~~ machine.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~4~~ 1, ~~characterized in that further comprising~~ switch means (25, 26) interacting with the ~~said~~ releasable coupling means (101, 121, 131) of the ~~said~~ hatch (1; 3) are provided in the proximity of the coupling means (302, 312; 204) positioned on the wall of the body of the ~~said~~ machine.

6. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~5~~ 1, in which wherein the ~~said~~ hatch (3) is hinged releasably to the body of the ~~said~~ machine.

7. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~6~~ 1, in which wherein the ~~said~~ filter holder means ~~comprise~~ comprises a filter holder (103; 301),

comprising a substantially cylindrical cavity-(123; 311) provided with a radial hole-(321; 433) communicating with the coffee delivery means-(201; 203).

8. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 7, ~~in which~~ wherein the ~~said~~ filter holder is provided with means-(361, 721; 113) for assisting with the extraction of the ~~said~~ ground coffee cartridge-(16).

9. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 8, ~~in which~~ wherein the ~~said~~ filter holder-(301) is provided with means-(401) for cleaning the ~~coffee~~ delivery means-(201).

10. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~9~~ 7, ~~in which~~ wherein the ~~said~~ filter holder-(103) is permanently connected ~~and preferably made in one piece with~~ to the ~~said~~ hatch (3).

11. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~9~~ 7, ~~in which~~ wherein the ~~said~~ filter holder-(301) is inserted movably into the ~~said~~ hatch-(1), on two tubular guides-(701), each provided with an inclined surface-(721), interacting with two apertures-(361) formed in the base of the cavity-(311) of the ~~said~~ filter holder-(301), the ~~said~~ filter holder being moved along the ~~said~~ guides-(701) by means-(422) associated with the wall of the body of the ~~said~~ machine.

12. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 11, ~~in which~~
wherein a rod ~~(401)~~ is parallel to the ~~said guides (701)~~ is inserted into the ~~said hatch (1)~~
and passes with a seal into the ~~said filter holder (301)~~ through a hole ~~(331)~~ which is
radial with respect to the cavity ~~(311)~~ of the filter holder, and emerges through the hole
~~(321)~~ for communication with the supply means ~~(201)~~.